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INTERPRETIVE OPINION

Pursuant to §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), all buildings and facilities constructed by, or on behalf of the State or any county, shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and amendments. In accordance to HRS §103-50 and Chapter 11-217, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Disability and Communication Access Board has authority to issue interpretive opinions to HRS §103-50 design standards.

Docket: **DCAB 2004-08:** Can the toilet stall door be located more than 4" from the side partition/wall farthest from the water closet, if the accessible toilet stall is more than 60" wide?

Summary: The U.S. Access Board when questioned felt that more than 4" could be provided when the overall stall is larger than the 60" minimum requirement. In a discussion with the Department of Justice, they did not feel that deviation should be allowed as the ADAAG requires the toilet stall door location be 4" maximum from the side partition/wall farthest from the water closet, per Fig. 30(a) regardless of the toilet stall width. There was not full consensus within the Committee as to whether a technical infeasibility should be required for allowing the deviation from the 4-inch dimension. Some Committee members felt that as long as the clear floor space of the fixtures and the required maneuvering space were not compromised equivalent facilitation had been met.

Ruling: For buildings or facilities subject to HRS §103-50,

ADAAG 4.17.3

The side of the toilet stall door can be located more than 4" from the side partition farthest from the water closet, if the distance added to the toilet stall door location is less than or equal to the additional width of the toilet stall.

Example: If the toilet stall is 66" wide (6" more than the 60" minimum toilet stall width), the side of the toilet stall door can be located 10" maximum (6" more than the 4" maximum) from the side partition/wall farthest from the water closet.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this ruling, please call 586-8121.

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